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1. 国際予備審査機関が作成したこの国	際予備審査報告を法施行規則第57条(PCT36条)の規定に従い送付する。				
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Ⅲ	この利用可能性についての国際予備審査報告の不作成				
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上記の書類は、下記の言語である 語である。 □ 国際調査のために提出されたPCT規則23.1(b)にいう翻訳文の言語 □ PCT規則48.3(b)にいう国際公開の言語 □ 国際予備審査のために提出されたPCT規則55.2または55.3にいう翻訳文の言語 3. この国際出願は、ヌクレオチド又はアミノ酸配列を含んでおり、次の配列表に基づき国際予備審査報告を行った。 □ この国際出願に含まれる書面による配列表 □ この国際出願と共に提出された磁気ディスクによる配列表 □ 出願後に、この国際予備審査(または調査)機関に提出された確気ディスクによる配列表 □ 出願後に、この国際予備審査(または調査)機関に提出された磁気ディスクによる配列表 □ 出願後に、この国際予備審査(または調査)機関に提出された磁気ディスクによる配列表 □ 出願後に提出した書面による配列表が出願時における国際出願の開示の範囲を超える事項を含まない旨の陳述書の提出があった							
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2. 文献及び説明 (PCT規則70.7)

文献1:実願昭58-152703号 (実開昭60-060663号) のマイクロフィルム (株式会社島津製作所) 1985.04.26,第3図

文献2:実願昭59-085209号 (実開昭60-195901号) のマイクロフィルム (株式会社東洋空機製作所) 1985. 12. 27, 第1図

文献3:実願昭58-052315号 (実開昭60-021584号) のマイクロフィルム (三菱重工業株式会社) 1985.02.14, 第3図

文献4:特開2001-107881号公報 (ダイキン工業株式会社) 2001.04.17,0046段落

文献5:特開2001-141315号公報 (アイシン精機株式会社) 2001.05.25,0039-0041段落

請求の範囲1-6について

文献 1, 2には、複数の吐出孔を有するベーンロータリ膨張機において、小隙間からシャフト回転方向に略 $\{180\times(1+1/n)\}$ 度の位置に中間吐出孔を有し、中間吐出孔と最終吐出孔の間、又は、中間吐出孔同士の間の角度が(360/n)度以下であるものが記載されている。

引用文献3には、ベーンロータリ流体機械の吐出孔に逆止弁を備える技術が記載されている。

文献4,5には、二酸化炭素を主成分とする作動流体を超臨界相から気液二相に膨張する 膨張機が記載が記載されている。

しかしながら、請求の範囲1-6のように過膨張後、再圧縮される際にバルブ機構が開放される構成は国際調査報告で引用された上記文献の何れにも記載も示唆もされておらず当業者にとって自明なことでもない。

請求の範囲

1. (補正後) 高圧の作動流体を膨張させる複数の作動室(25 a、25 b、25 c、25 d、25 e)と、前記作動室内における作動 流体の膨張により回転動力を得るシャフト(26)とを有する膨張機において、

吐出過程を行う作動室に最初に連通する第1の吐出孔(28)と、同作動室に後続して連通する第2の吐出孔(29)と、

前記第1の吐出孔に設けられた、作動流体の逆流を阻止するバルブ機10 構(30a、30b)と、

前記第1および第2の吐出孔から流出した作動流体を一旦蓄える吐出室(33)とを備え、

前記第1の吐出孔に達する直前にその容積が最大となる作動室(25 c)内における圧力(Pc)が前記吐出室内における圧力(Pd)よりも低くなるように設定されるとともに、前記第1の吐出孔に達した直後に作動室の容積が再び圧縮されて、再圧縮された圧力が前記吐出室内の圧力を超えた際に前記バルブ機構が開放されるように設定されたことを特徴とする膨張機。

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2. (補正後) 筒状内壁(21a)を有するシリンダ(21)と、20 その両端を閉塞する側板と、前記シリンダの内部に配設され、外周の一部が前記シリンダ内壁と小隙間(22)を形成するロータ(23)と、前記ロータに設けられたベーン溝内(23a)に一端が摺動自在に挿入され、他端が前記シリンダ内壁と接触し、前記シリンダと前記ロータの間に複数の作動室(25a、25b、25c、25d、25e)を形成するベーン(24)と、前記ロータと一体的に形成され回転自在に軸支持されるシャフト(26)から構成され、高圧の作動流体を前記作動室内で膨張させることにより、前記シャフトの回転動力を得るベーンロー

タリ膨張機において、

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前記シリンダの周方向に設けられた、吐出過程を行う作動室に最初に 連通する第1の吐出孔(28)と、同作動室に後続して連通する第2の 吐出孔(29)と、

前記第1の吐出孔に設けられた、作動流体の逆流を阻止するバルブ機 5 構(30a、30b)と、

前記第1および第2の吐出孔から流出した作動流体を一旦蓄える吐出 室(33)とを備え、

前記第1の吐出孔に達する直前にその容積が最大となる作動室 (25 c)内における圧力(Pc)が前記吐出室内における圧力(Pd)より も低くなるように設定されるとともに、前記第1の吐出孔に達した直後 に作動室の容積が再び圧縮されて、再圧縮された圧力が前記吐出室内の 圧力を超えた際に前記バルブ機構が開放されるように設定されたことを 特徴とするベーンロータリ膨張機。

- 15 3.(補正後) 前記ペーンがn枚のとき、前記第1の吐出孔(2 8)は、前記小隙間から前記シャフトの回転方向に略 {180×(1+ 1/n)} 度の位置の前記シリンダに設けるとともに、前記第2の吐出孔 (29)は、前記小隙間から前記シャフトの回転方向に略 {180×(1 +1/n)} 度から360度の間の前記シリンダに設けることを特徴とす る請求の範囲第2項に記載のペーンロータリ膨張機。
 - 4.(補正後) 前記第1の吐出孔(28)と前記第2の吐出孔(2 9)の間ならびに/もしくは前記第2の吐出孔(49、50)同士に挟 まれた前記シリンダの前記シャフトの周りの中心角が、(360/n)度 以下であることを特徴とする請求の範囲第3項に記載のペーンロータリ 膨張機。
 - 液相あるいは超臨界相から気液二相に膨張する作動流体を 用いて運転することを特徴とする請求の範囲第1から第4項のいずれか

- 1項に記載のベーンロータリ膨張機。
- 6. 二酸化炭素を主成分とする作動流体を用いて運転することを特徴とする請求の範囲第1から第4項のいずれか1項に記載のベーンロータリ膨張機。

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

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1. Statement				
Novelty (N)	Claims	1-6	YES	
	Claims		NO NO	
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-6	YES	
	Claims		NO	
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-6	YES	
	Claims		NO	

2. Citations and explanations

Document 1: Microfilm of the specification and drawings annexed to the request of Japanese Utility Model Application No. 152703/1983 (Laid-open No. 060663/1985) (Shimadzu Corp.), 26 April, 1985, Fig. 3

Document 2: Microfilm of the specification and drawings annexed to the request of Japanese Utility Model Application No. 085209/1984 (Laid-open No. 195901/1985) (Kabushiki Kaisha Toyo Seisakusho), 27 December, 1985, Fig. 1

Document 3: Microfilm of the specification and drawings annexed to the request of Japanese Utility Model Application No. 052315/1983 (Laid-open No. 021584/1985) (Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Ltd.), 14 February, 1985, Fig. 3

Document 4: JP, 2001-107881, A (Daikin Industries, Ltd.), 17 April, 2001, Par. No. [0046]

Document 5: JP, 2001-141315, A (Aisin Seiki Co., Ltd.), 25 May, 2001, Par. Nos. [0039]-[0041]

Claims 1-6

Documents 1 and 2 describe, a vane rotary expansion engine comprising a plurality of delivery holes wherein middle delivery holes are disposed at a position roughly $\{180 \times (1+1/n)\}^\circ$ apart from small clearances in the rotating direction of a shaft, and the angle between the middle delivery hole and a final delivery hole or among the middle holes is smaller than (360/n).

Document 3 describes a technology for providing a check valve to a delivery hole of a vane rotary fluid engine.

Documents 4 and 5 describe an expansion engine wherein a working fluid consisting primarily of carbon dioxide is expanded from a supercritical phase to a gas-liquid phase.

However, none of the documents cited in the ISR describes or suggests a constitution as in claims 1-6 wherein, when recompressing after over-expansion, a valve mechanism is released; nor is this obvious to a party skilled in the art.